## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVES—SUPPLY OF COUNTER'S TWINE & TAPE

**109. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any offer has been received in March 1941 by the Superintendent of Stamps, etc., from the Manager of the Industrial Institute for Defectives that the counter's twine required by Government can be supplied from the Institute;

(*b*) whether this Institute has not supplied in 1116 different kinds of tape required by Government?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Institute has supplied 3,500 yards of ordinary tape in balls of different lengths.

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS—SUBJECTS NEWLY INTRODUCED

**110. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to mention.—

(*a*) whether any additional subject which was not being taught in any Industrial school in the State has been introduced in any Government or aided or recognised industrial schools in the last three years;

(*b*) if so, the subjects introduced, the names of the schools in which they were introduced and when were they introduced?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes; Tape-making loom has been working in 2 Government Industrial schools.

(*b*)

| Subject | Name of the school | When introduced |
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| Tape-making | G. I. School, Kunnamkulam | 13—3—1111 |
| Do. | Industrial School, R. D. Centre, Cherpu | 30—5—1116 |

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot the Government encourage tape making on a larger scale as a cottage industry?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* That question will be considered.

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**Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* What will be the approximate price of 3,500 yards of tape?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any co-operative society been registered to carry on the basket making industry?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know how many?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* I don't exactly remember the number. Some of these co-operative societies carry on diverse cottage industries.

**Mr. A. L. Antony** *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know what quantity of tape is required by Government every year?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* Does the Government know that basket making business is largely carried on by private individuals in Vadakkancheri?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is largely carried on by a section of the population as a hereditary business, and a number of merchants go there and take advantage of the disorganized state of this industry for their own benefit. The kind of basket making which is taught in the schools is of a very limited value. They are products of the kind that cannot have a ready sale in our market. In the schools they are making only fancy baskets and chairs. Our ordinary mud baskets are generally manufactured by a poor section of our population known by different names in different parts of the State. These baskets are purchased by the merchants at one anna or three quarters of an anna and they sell it for one and a half annas or so.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know with regard to the basket making industry whether the co-operative marketing activities of the State have rendered any help to the producer in the matter of finding markets for the products?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. They are doing that. They are also trying to market screw pine mats.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I want to know whether the marketing society or any other society under

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Government has given any help in the matter of marketing the baskets manufactured by the depressed classes?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* The complaint is, there are no societies purchasing these baskets so that the persons who are engaged in the industry may be benefited by better marketing. Is it not therefore better that the Government organizes some societies in a few big centres so that the business may be taken up by those societies rather than by private individuals?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There is some difficulty. The co-operative societies in the State are not an unqualified success because of the indifference of the people.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* Vadakkancheri appears to be a very good place where much business can be carried on in this industry?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* But what is to be done? There is nobody coming forward. If anybody comes forward Government will give them grant, and will give them any sort of help. But nobody would come forward to take up this work with some interest.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* The Co-operative Department must be induced to organize such societies.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Co-operative Department cannot go and start this business there. The people must come forward to form a co-operative society. When the society is registered, the Registrar will be able to give them some advice and help.

**Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* May I know why the strength of defectives in the school is so small—only four? Is it due to any aversion of defectives to go there?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not know.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* I shall give the reason. The richer classes do not send their children to such schools. The poorer classes make these defectives the tool for begging. That is the difficulty.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* With regard to the marketing facilities to baskets, what is the objection in giving direction to the marketing societies in Trichur that they must encourage this sort of industry?

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**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* The difficulty is this. People do not understand the meaning of commercial contract. The moment you enter into some arrangement with a firm outside for the supply of 10,000 or 5,000 rupees worth of these baskets, these merchants go there and offer them one or two pies more and those poor fellows sell away immediately all their baskets. When we enter into such a contract we are legally bound to fulfil the contract. A case has actually happened, but fortunately the person knew our difficulties and he did not claim any compensation. That is another great difficulty. It is a difficult proposition. Because people who are interested in this work will throw all kinds of obstacles in forming a society.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* Has it not been brought to the notice of the Government by the marketing society that there is great demand for these baskets in outside markets?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Their business is to create markets and present those markets to these people. But the goods must be handed over to them, so that they may send them on their own initiative. If a society is started and some respectable and responsible man takes a keen interest, it will certainly be successful.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the amount of Rs. 50 spent on four defectives does not appear to be too much? Suppose they are fed at the instance of the Government, probably it will be much cheaper.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* But what about the teachers?

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* What is the good of giving instruction to these four defectives after spending Rs. 50 per mensem?

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Minister for Rural Development):* The complaint is for more grant.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South):* Even the grant that is given appears to be too much. That is my case.

## SREE NARAYANA SERVICE SOCIETY—PARTICULARS REGARDING

**111. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any society called Sree Narayana Service Society at Trichur;

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